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NOTICE OF APPLICABILITY OF RESOLUTION NO. R5-2003-0106 POSTCARD VINEYARD, EL DORADO COUNTY

Regional Board staff have reviewed your 12 May 2004 Report of Waste Discharge (RWD) and subsequent information submitted on 26 May 2004 for coverage under Regional Board Resolution No. R5-2003-0106, *Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements for Small Food Processors, Including Wineries, Within the Central Valley Region*. The RWD included a Notice of Non-Applicability for compliance with the stormwater General Permit and an \$872 filing fee. Our review finds the RWD to be complete.

Resolution No. R5-2003-0106 (a copy of which is enclosed) is a conditional waiver of waste discharge requirements for small food processors, including wineries. Based on the information you have submitted, the discharge as described in the RWD satisfies the general and specific conditions of Resolution No. R5-2003-0106 for the current amount of grapes crushed and wastewater produced.

Discharge Description

Richard Kilmer (Discharger) owns and operates the Postcard Vineyard which is located at 1000 Aqua Haven Court in El Dorado Hills, El Dorado County. The Discharger estimates that approximately four tons of grapes will be crushed annually, resulting in approximately 250 cases of wine being produced. The Discharger estimates that approximately 600 gallons of wastewater will be produced annually. All activities producing wastewater will be conducted inside a covered building or outside under a covered roof. Process wastewater will be collected through a floor drain, which drains to a 50-gallon underground tank. Visual observations of the tank will be made to determine when it needs to be pumped.

Process wastewater will be conveyed to a one-acre vineyard for disposal via a portable discharge hose. The discharge hose will be manually moved and positioned to spread wastewater throughout the vineyard. Residual solids (stems, seeds, and pumice) from the winery operation will be processed through a chipper/shedder prior to disposal to the one-acre vineyard. Once placed throughout the vineyard, solid waste will be tilled into the vineyard using a tractor.

Conditional Waiver

Based on the information submitted in the RWD, the discharge as described above satisfies the general and specific conditions of Resolution No. R5-2003-0106 for the method of wastewater and solid disposal. Therefore, this letter serves as formal notice that Resolution No. R5-2003-0106 is applicable

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and waste discharge requirements for this facility are waived.

Enclosed is a copy of Resolution No. R5-2003-0106 and the associated monitoring and reporting program. As described therein, an annual report must be submitted by **1 February of each year**.

If the discharge violates the terms or conditions of the waiver, the Regional Board may take enforcement action, including assessment of administrative civil liability. If the method of winery wastewater and solids disposal change from those described in the RWD, you must submit a new RWD. Please note that the waiver will expire on 11 July 2008, at which time you must submit a new RWD with filing fee to renew the waiver, or cease the discharge.

If you have any questions, please contact Scott Kranhold at (916) 464-4689.

--Original Signed By--

THOMAS R. PINKOS
Executive Officer

Enclosure: General Order No. R5-2003-0106

cc w/o enc: John Morgan, El Dorado County Environmental Health Department, Placerville